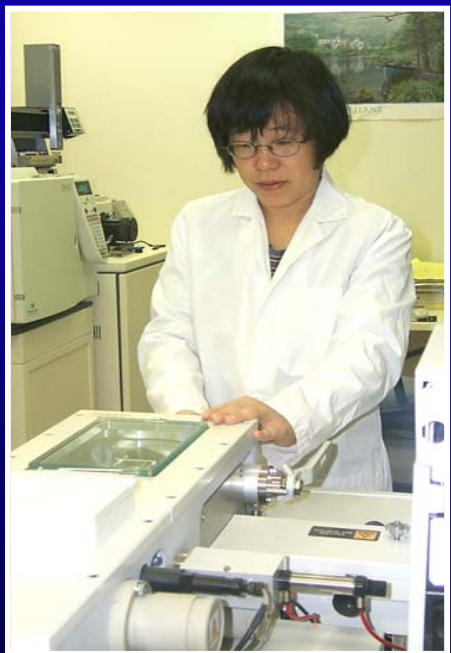


Chemical Laboratories



**Chemical Terrorism
Response**

**Improving Available
Capacity**

Scientific Advances

Analysis of Clinical Samples for Public Health Response to Chemical Terrorism

Identify agent, if necessary

Identify worried well

Retrospective analysis

Evaluate long-term health effects of low
level exposure - registries

Determine temporal or geographical
exposure distribution



Goal

Produce interpretable laboratory results on 40 clinical samples within 36 hours of sample receipt

Flexible laboratory capabilities that can respond to the complete range of chemical emergency events

CT Laboratory Response Team

Prepared for immediate travel to event site

20 minute response, 1 hr arrival at CDC

Sample supplies in emergency packs

Support collection of clinical samples

Provide tracking information for samples

CDC Air Transport



Rapid Toxic Screen

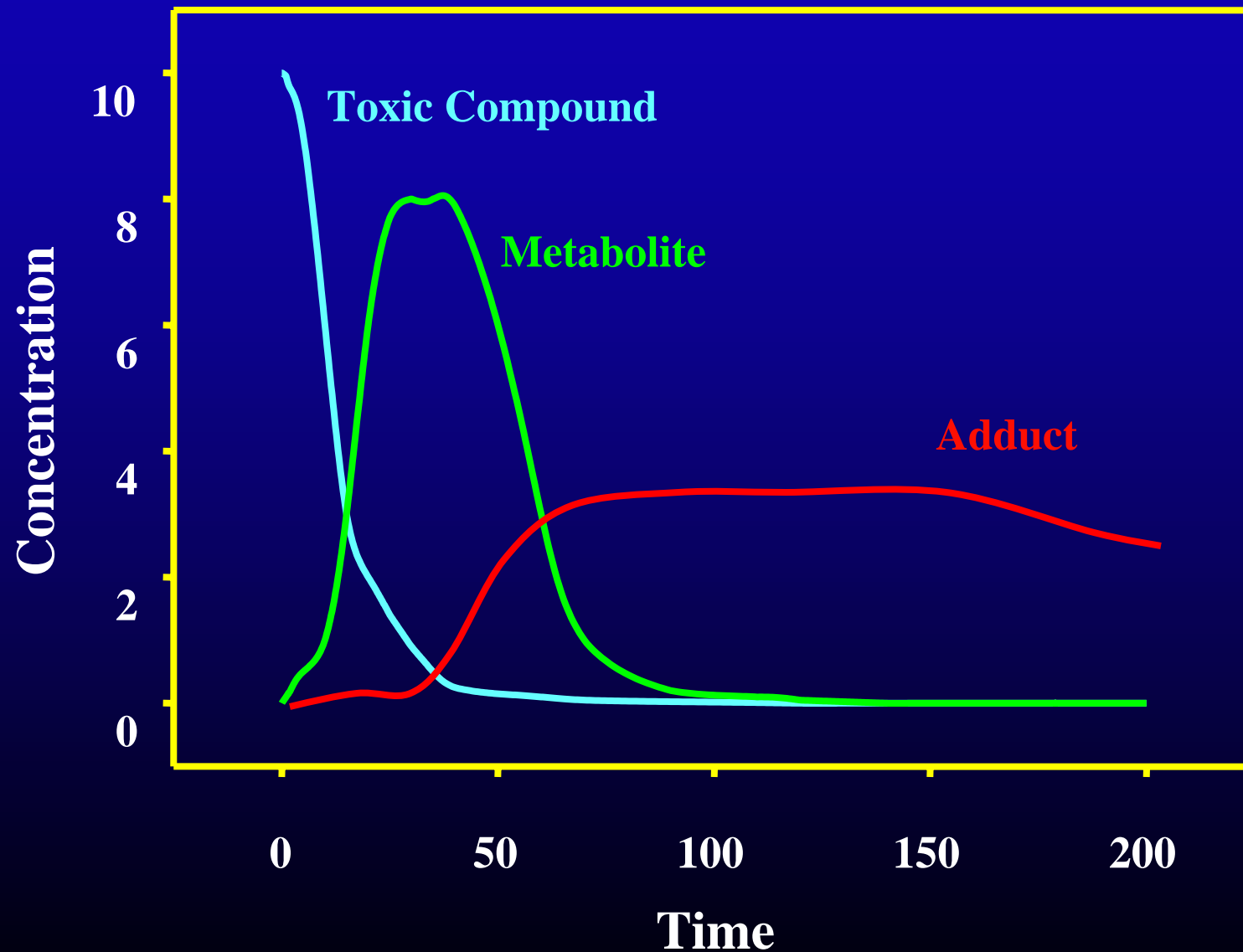
150 chemical agents or their metabolites

In urine, serum, whole blood

Rapid Toxic Screen

Chemical warfare agents	Nerve gases, e.g. sarin, soman, VX Sulfur mustards, e.g. HD, sesquimustards Nitrogen mustards, e.g. NH1, NH2 Cyanide Lewisite
Toxins	Ricinine (marker for ricin) Saxitoxin Natural toxins
Incapacitating agents	Drugs of abuse, e.g. cocaine, opiates, PCP Others, e.g. scopolamine
Industrial chemicals	Volatile organic compounds, e.g. benzene, carbon tetrachloride Pesticides, e.g. malathion, parathion Heavy metals, e.g. lead, arsenic, mercury Others

Non-persistent Biomarker Concentrations



Sample Analysis

Immediate Response

Samples collected while event
in progress or within 72 hours

Retrospective Analysis

Event occurred previously

Immediate Response

Level 1 response – 1 instrument for every method, CW agents in response lab, 40 samples/day

Level 2 response – 3-4 instruments for 1-2 methods, CW agents in response and training labs, up to 200 samples/day – sustained

Level 3 response – 20-30 instruments for 1 method, all DLS resources, greater than 200 samples/day - sustained



Dual-use equipment gives us expanded capacity

Environmental

Instrument	Number	CT Methods	Exposure Methods
PE Biosystems API 4000	14	Nit mustards Incap agents	Cotinine Phytoestrogens
Finnigan TSQ 7000	13	Nerve agents Sulfur mustards	OP Pesticides Phenols
Agilent MSD	16	Cyanide Lewisite	Volatiles Pesticides
Perkin Elmer Elan DRC II	10	Heavy Metals	Arsenic Cadmium

Environmental exposure staff are cross-trained in chemical terrorism analysis methods



Material Stock

**Immediate sampling materials for
5000 people**

Response packs ready for deployment

Laboratory supplies stockpile

Repair parts stockpile

On call service technicians

Exercises

- 3-4 per year
- Live exercises
- Testing lab response
- Testing data transmission, approval and reporting
- Testing personnel and sample transport

Interpretation of Results

Background levels

Unexposed reference range

Exposed populations

Historical reports

Exposure incidents

Metabolism

Animal studies



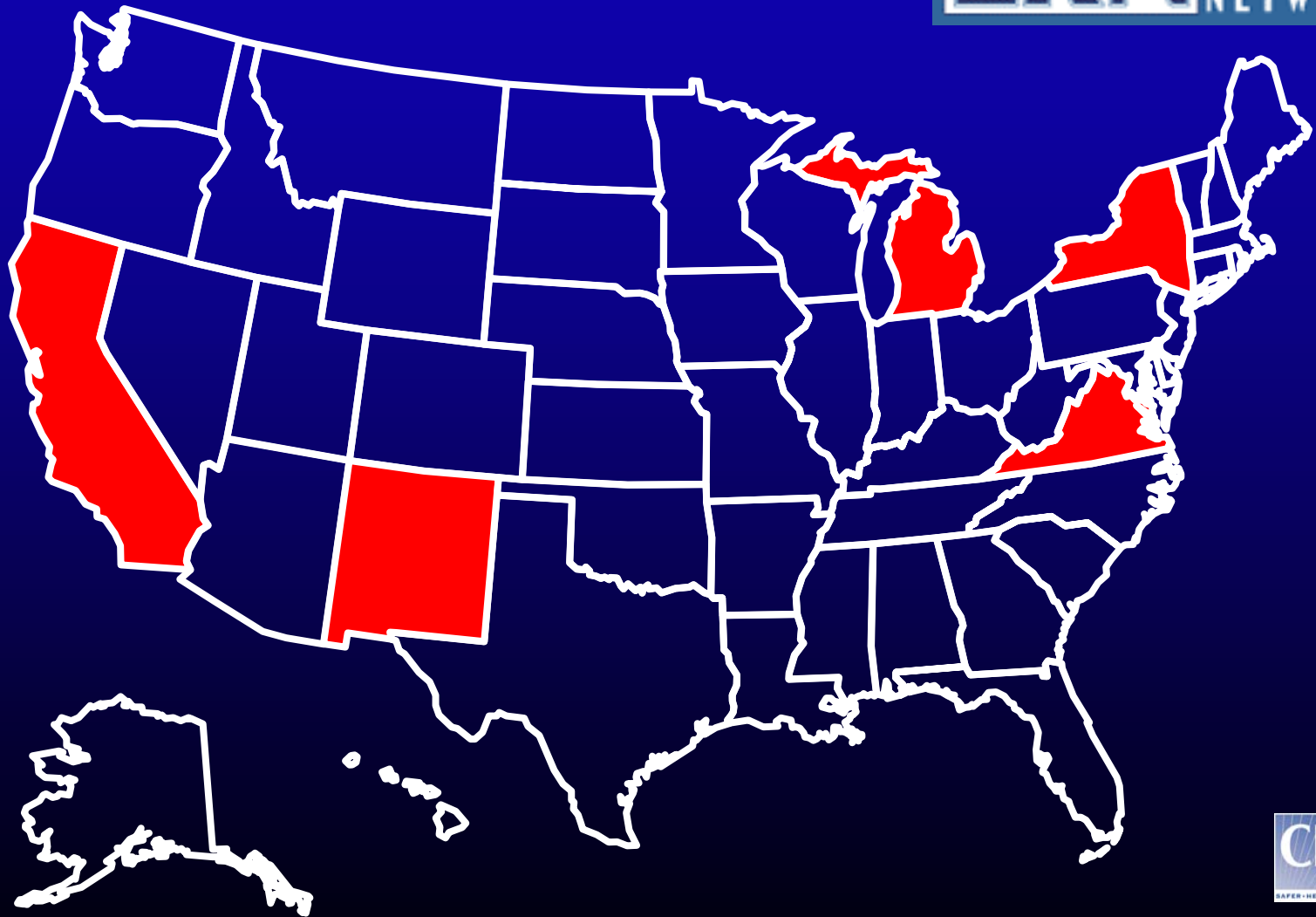


**State lab training, development
and surge capacity**

Website access to lab information

Chemical Laboratory Response Network

1999-2003



Chemical Laboratory Response Network



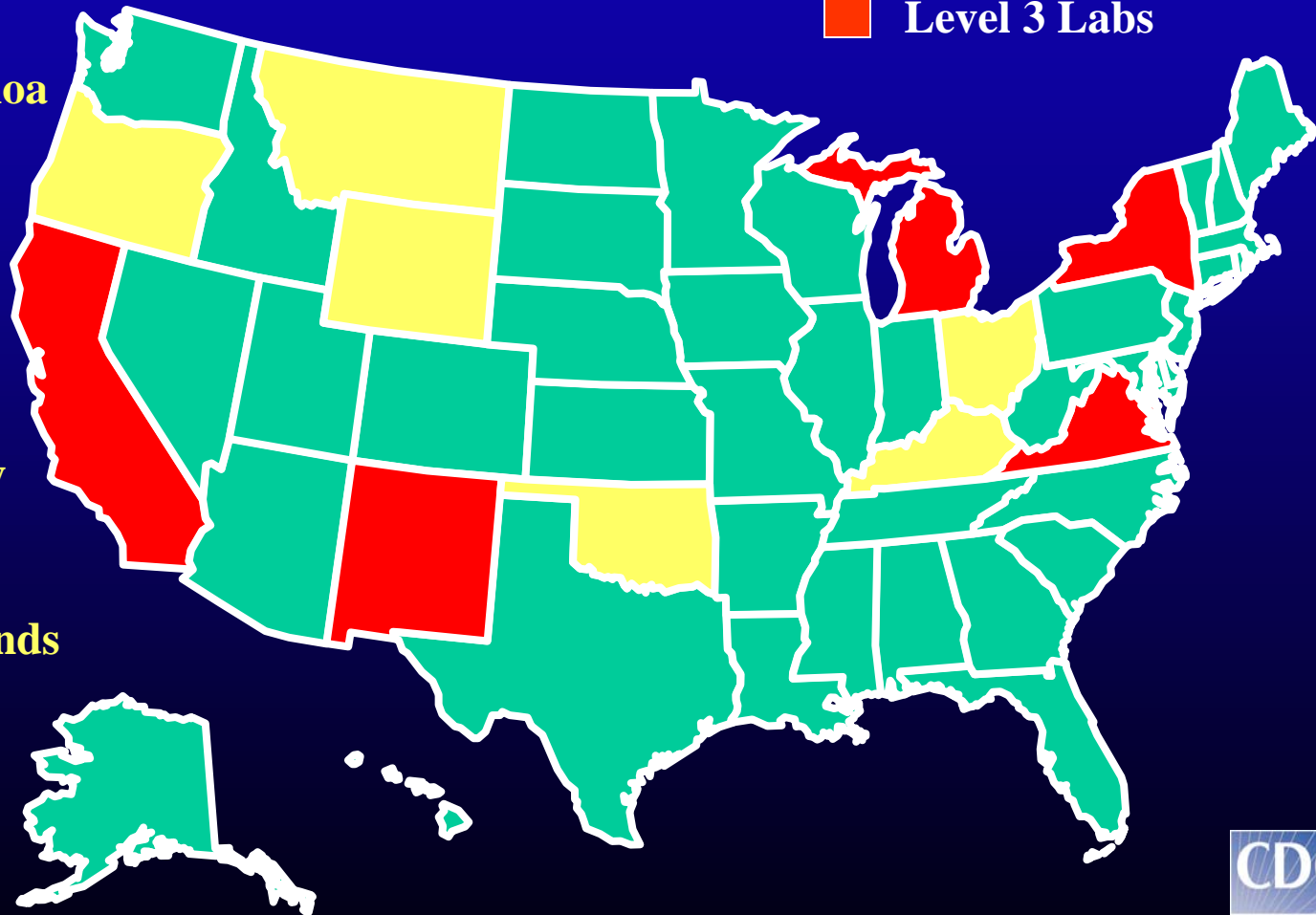
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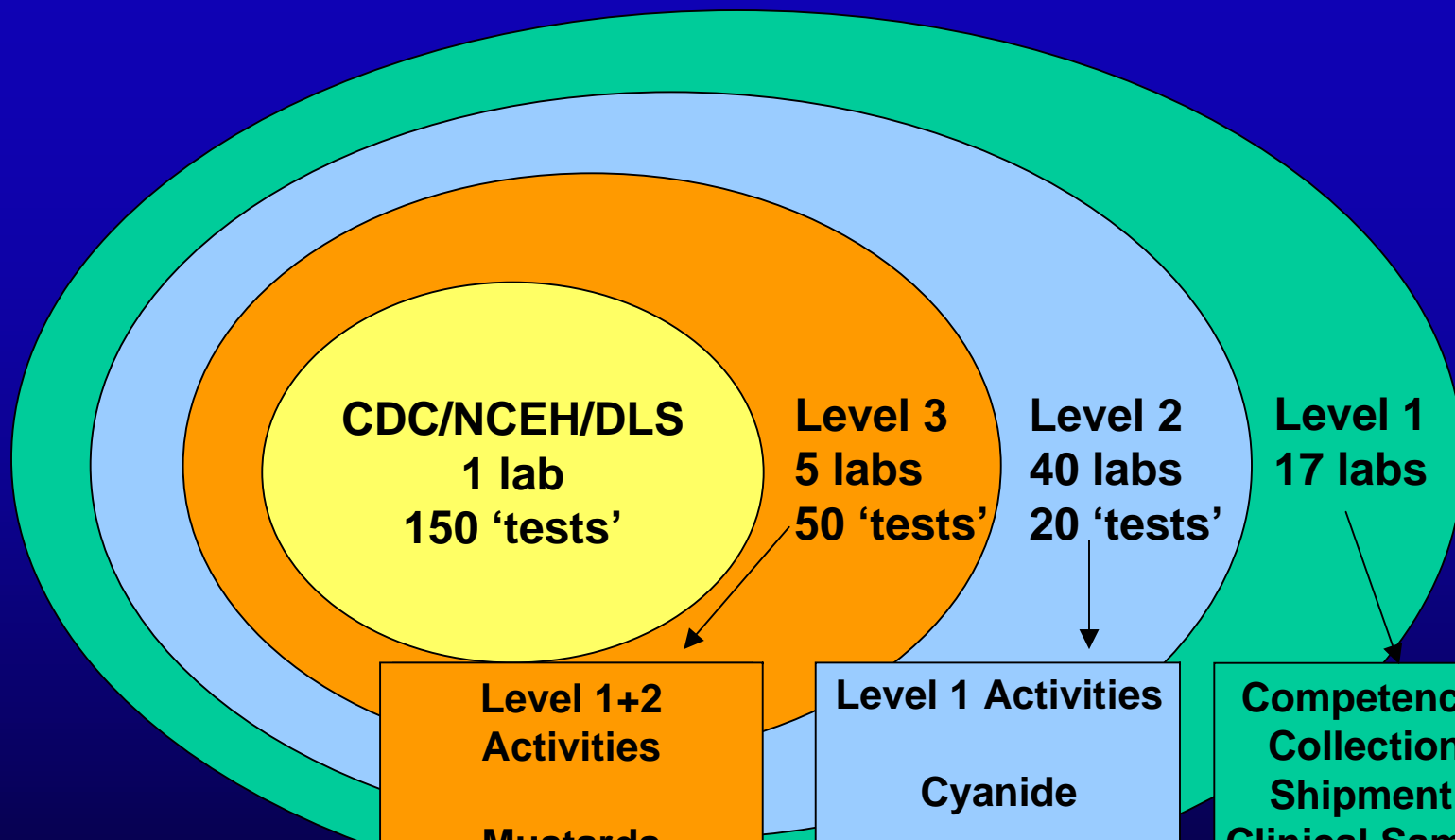
-  Level 1 Labs
-  Level 2 Labs
-  Level 3 Labs

Also:

American Samoa
Chicago
Guam
Micronesia
Los Angeles
Marshall Is.
N. Mariana Is.
New York City
Palau
Puerto Rico
US Virgin Islands

District of
Columbia





CDC/NCEH/DLS
1 lab
150 'tests'

Level 3
5 labs
50 'tests'

Level 2
40 labs
20 'tests'

Level 1
17 labs

**Level 1+2
Activities**

Mustards

Nerve Agents

**Selected toxic
industrial
chemicals**

Level 1 Activities

Cyanide

Lewisites

Toxic Metals

**Competency in
Collection &
Shipment of
Clinical Samples**

**Comprehensive
Response Plan**

Technology Transfer to State Public Health Labs

Staff hiring

Lab setup

Equipment purchases

Vendor training

CDC training

Validation

IT Development

On-going proficiency testing

Exercises

Level 2

ICP-MS



Toxic Metals Screen

GC/MS



Cyanide, Lewisite, VOCs

Operation: Experienced B.S.

Evaluation: Experienced M.S., Ph.D.

Level 3

GC/MS/MS

Level 2 +

LC/MS/MS



**Nerve Agents
Sulfur Mustards**



Nitrogen Mustards

Operation: Experienced M.S., Ph.D.

Evaluation: Experienced Ph.D.

State Public Health Laboratory Equipment

	Delivered	Installed	Vendor Trained
Agilent (GC/MS)	29/44	18/44	6/44
Perkin Elmer (ICP-MS)	18/35	6/35	4/35
Gerstel (Prep-Station)	16/41	16/41	16/41

Training

Computer Based Training



Vendor Training



Lecture



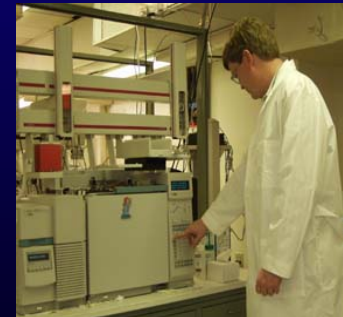
Hands-on Sample Prep



Hands-on Operation



Video Reinforcement



Training Status

Nerve Agents – 5 level 3 labs

Sulfur mustard –TDG – 5 level 3 labs

Cyanide – 5 level 3 labs, 3 level 2 labs

Trace metals – 5 level 3 labs, 1 level 2 lab

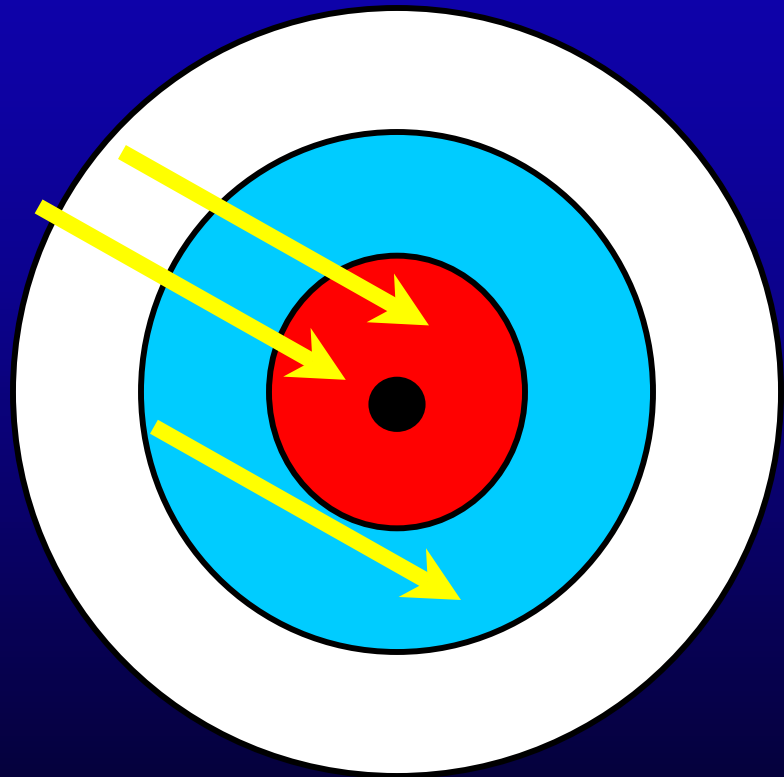
SBMTE (HD metabolite) – next training

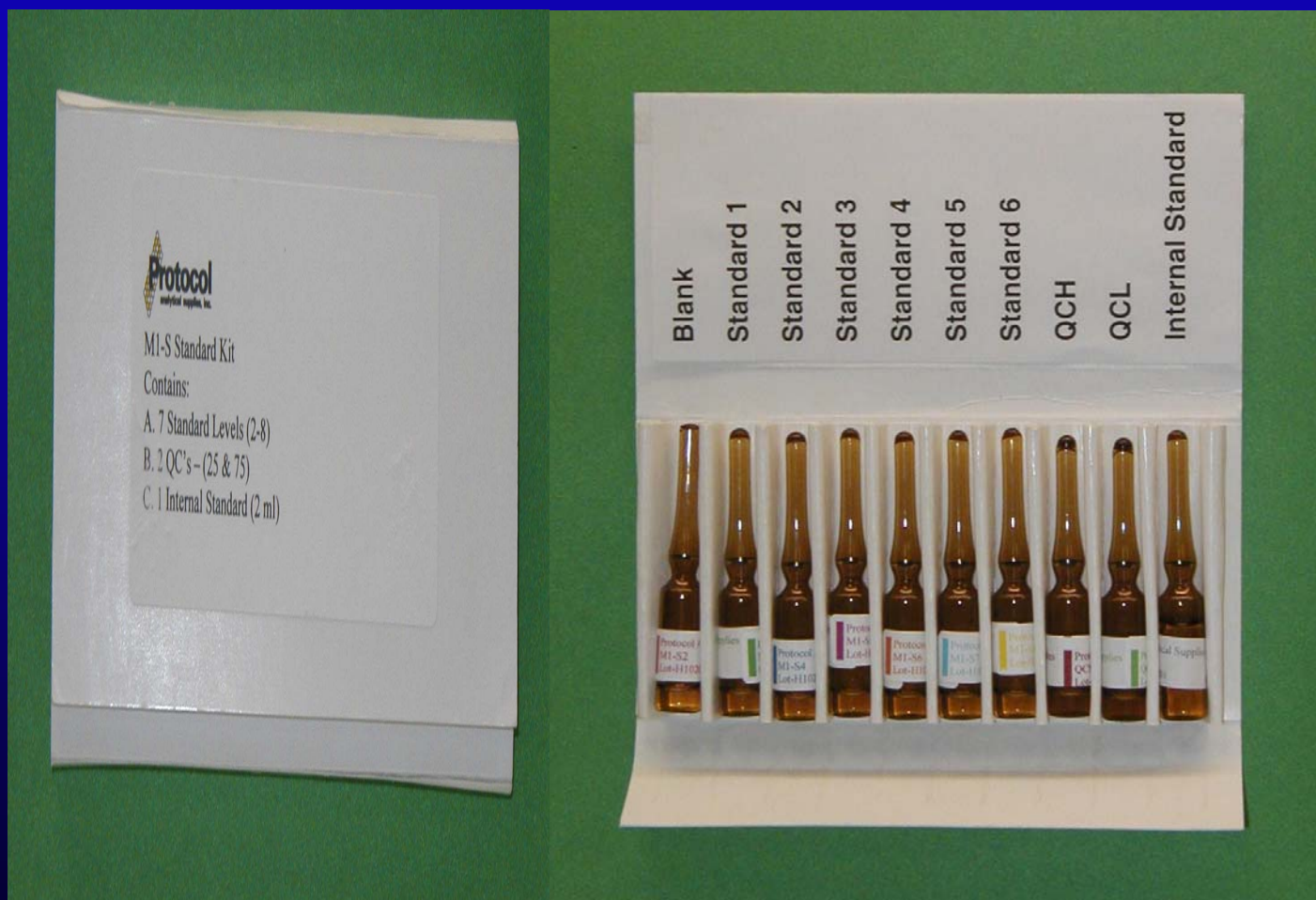
Nitrogen mustards – to follow SBMTE

Proficiency Testing

Intramural
Extramural

Thiodiglycol
Cyanide
Heavy metals
Nerve agent metabolites





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LABORATORY: CDC (Instrument E)

Proficiency Testing Results

PT Challenge Start Date: 07/09/03

Method: Thiodiglycol in Urine

Instrument: TE Trace 2000 GC/TSO 7000- Instrument E

Analyst(s): Doris Ash

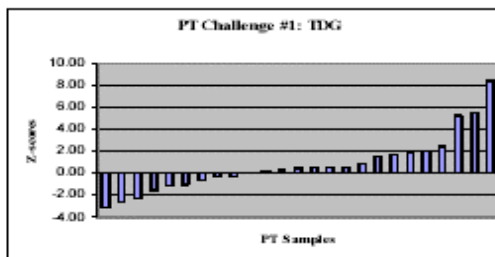
Reviewer(s): John Barr

Percentage of PT s successfully analyzed: 100%

Z-scores: -2.65, 0.40, 1.32, 6.35, 2.48

Laboratory Status: QUALIFIED

Results of Proficiency Testing Challenge represented by Z-scores



Proficiency Test Coordinator

Signature: _____

Date: _____

LRN Chemical Website

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Scientific Advances in the Rapid Toxic Screen

- Ricinine in urine
- SBMTE – a specific metabolite of HD
- Nerve agents on lower technology equipment
- Quantification of botulinum toxin using mass spectrometry

Ricinine Analysis

Simple method to determine ricin exposure

1. Both ricinine and ricin share a common plant source – beans of *ricinus communis*
2. Ricinine is present in crude preparations of ricin – confirmed in laboratory
3. Animal study showed that ricinine can be quantified in urine up to 48 hours after exposure

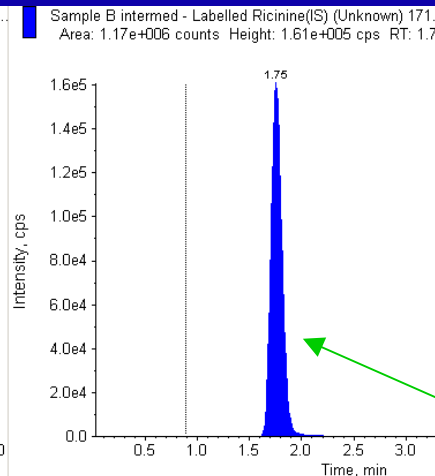
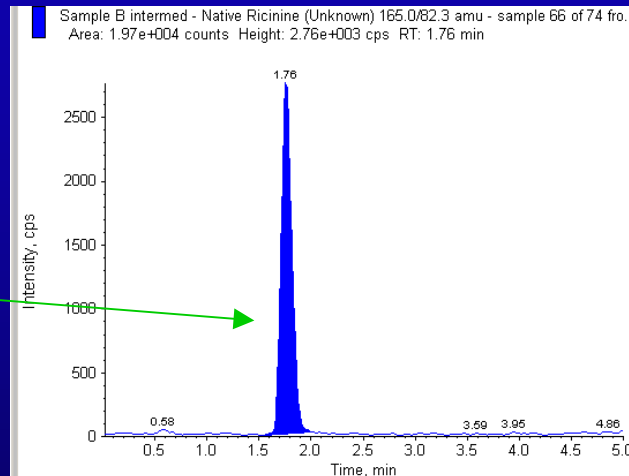
Ricinine



Criminal Ricin Preparation

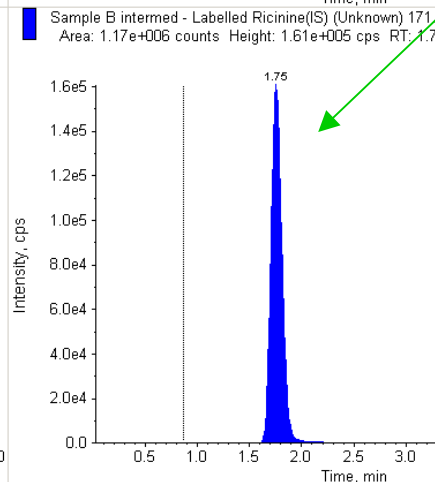
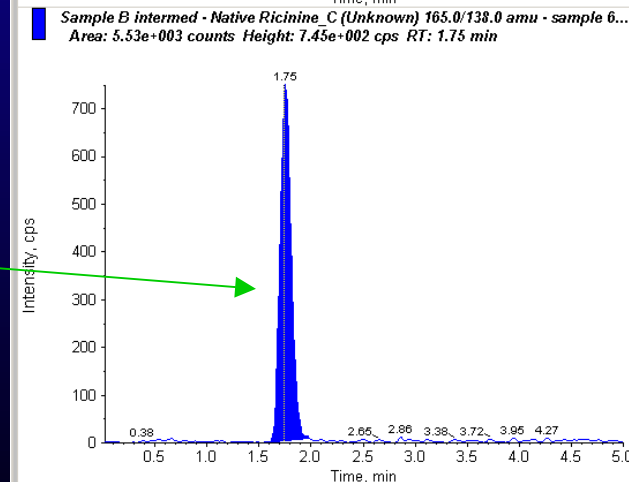
Analysis via Isotope Dilution Mass Spectrometry

Ricinine
Quantitative
Peak



Carbon -13
Labeled
Ricinine

Ricinine
Confirmation
Peak



Ricinine Analysis

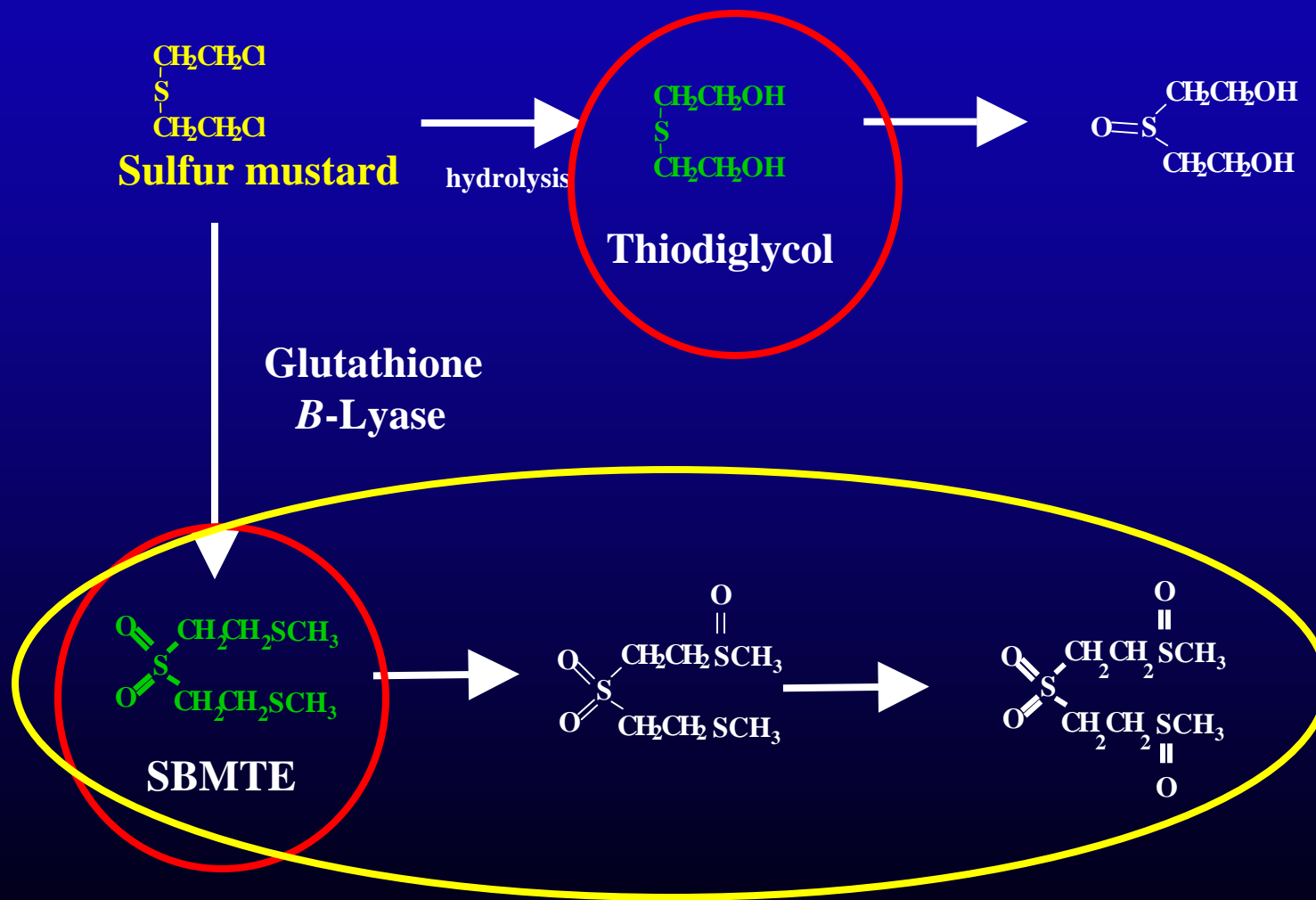
Ricin and Ricinine are derived from *ricinus communis*

Method Characterization	Analytical Result
Operating Range	0.3 – 800 ng/mL
Criminal ricin preparation (milky solution)	502 ng/mL
Levels of ricinine in rat urine (48 hrs)	400 ng/mL
Forensic Analysis	5 ng/mL

Ricinine



Urinary HD Metabolites



Nerve Agent Metabolite Analysis in Urine

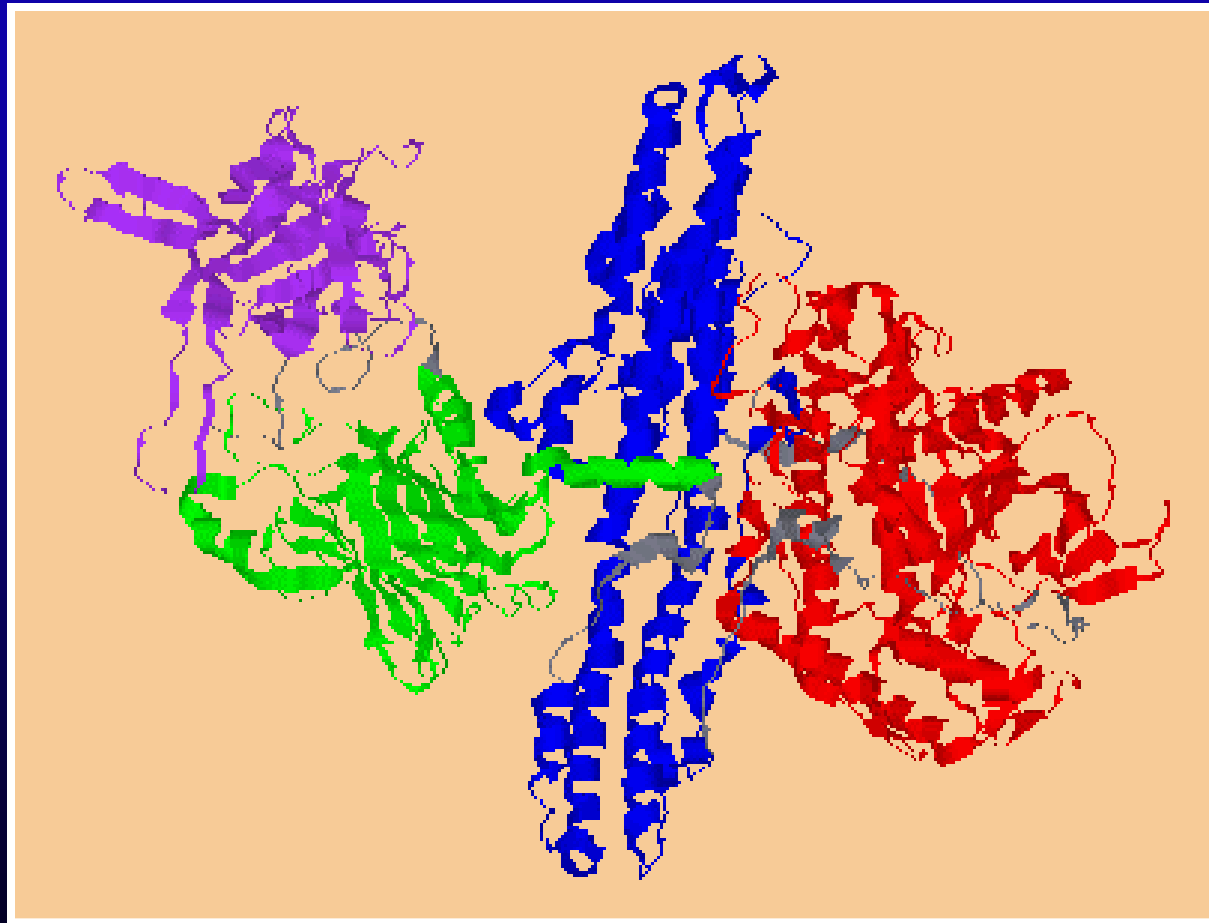
Level 3: GC/MS/MS



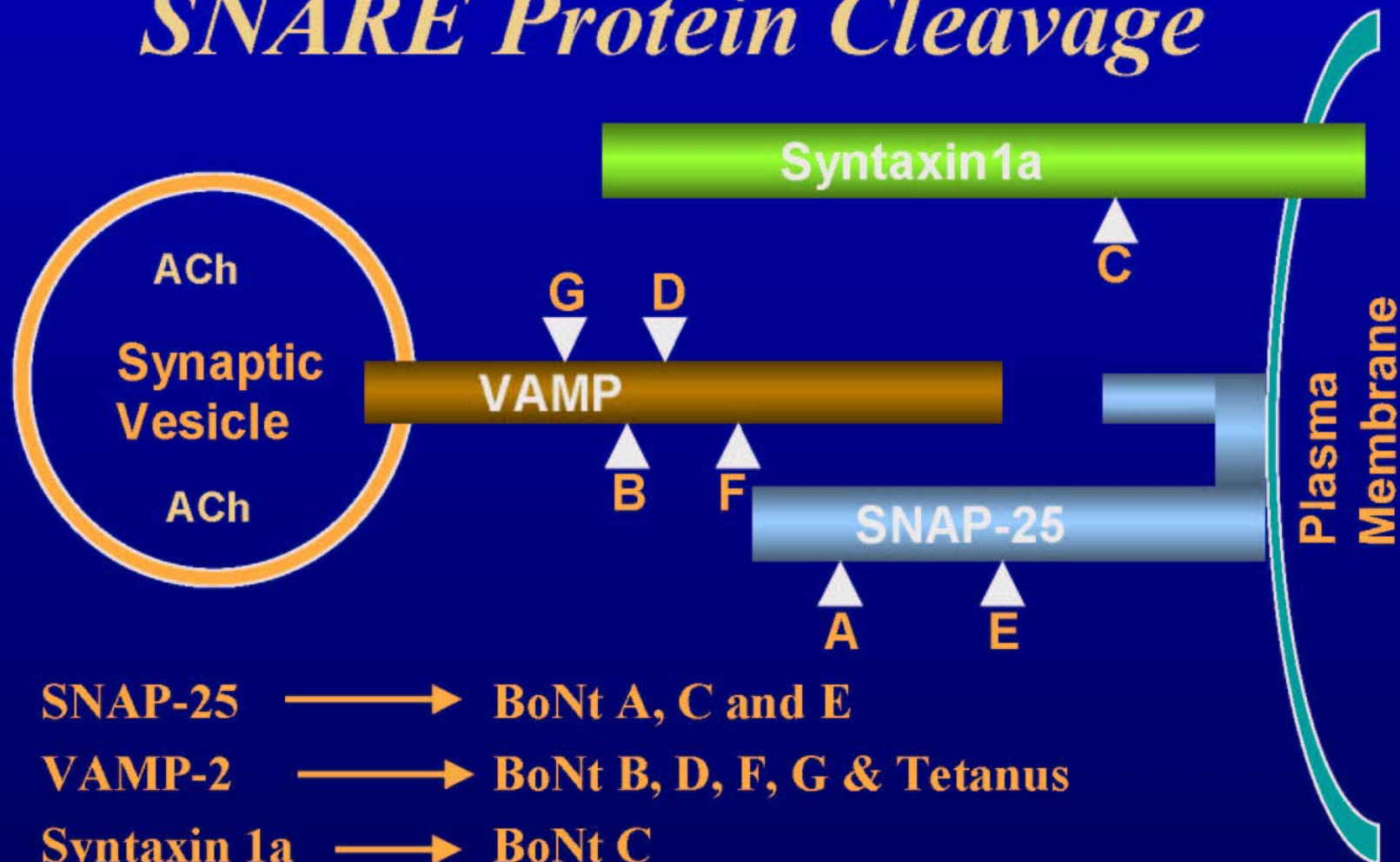
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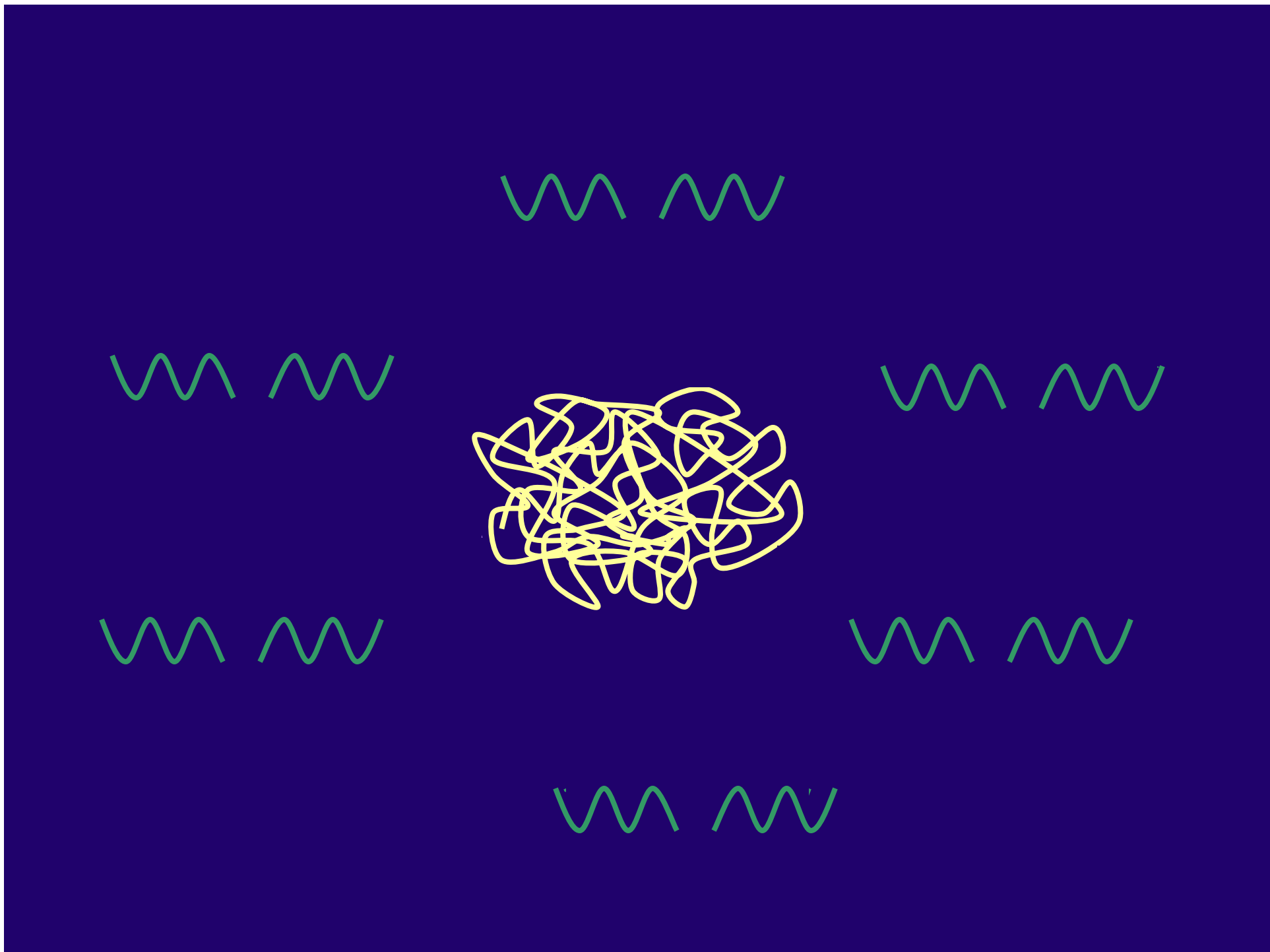
Botulinum Toxins



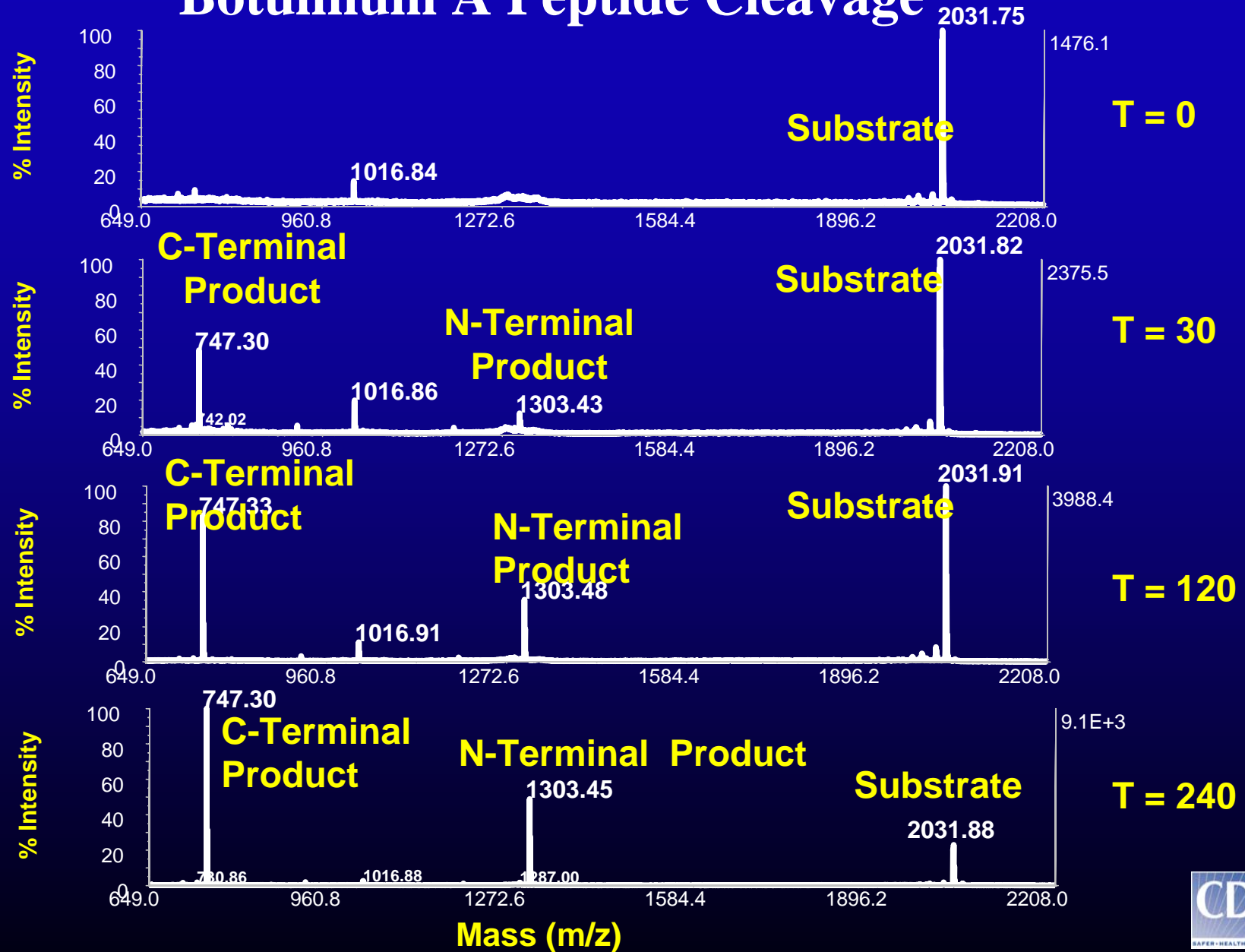
SNARE Protein Cleavage



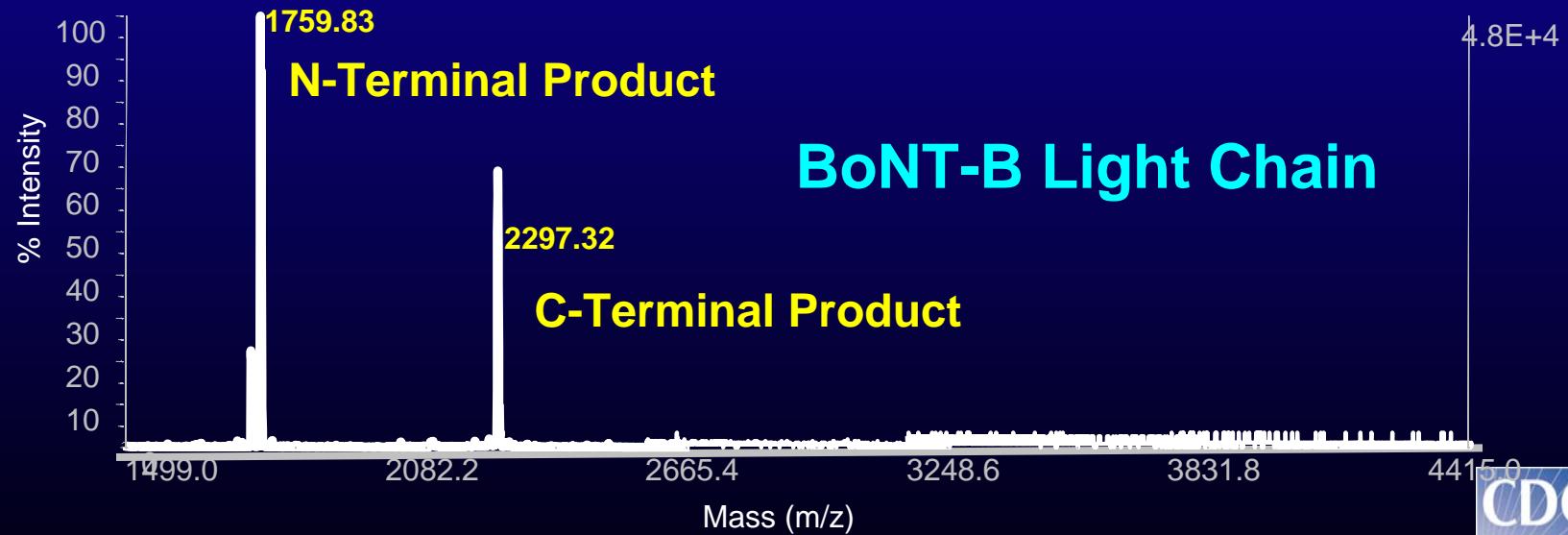
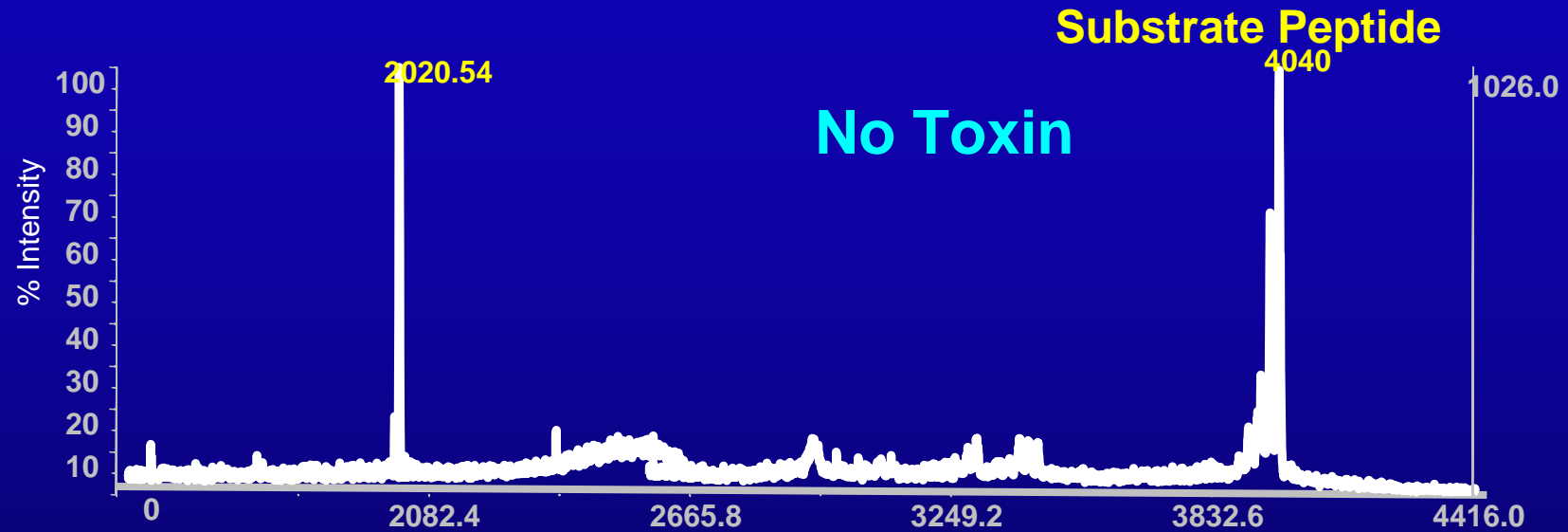
The seven different serotypes of BoNT target different proteins of the SNARE complex.



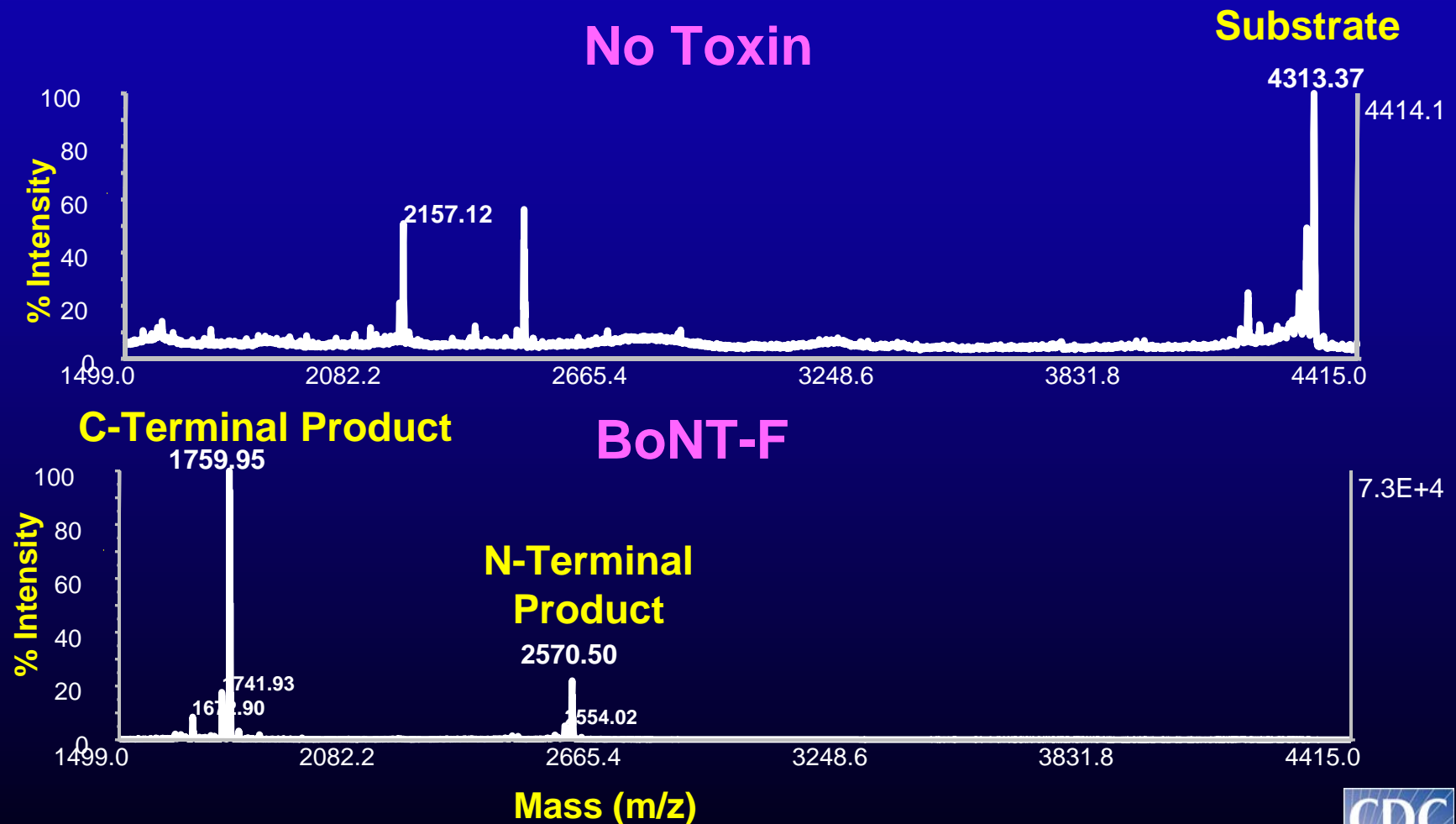
Botulinum A Peptide Cleavage



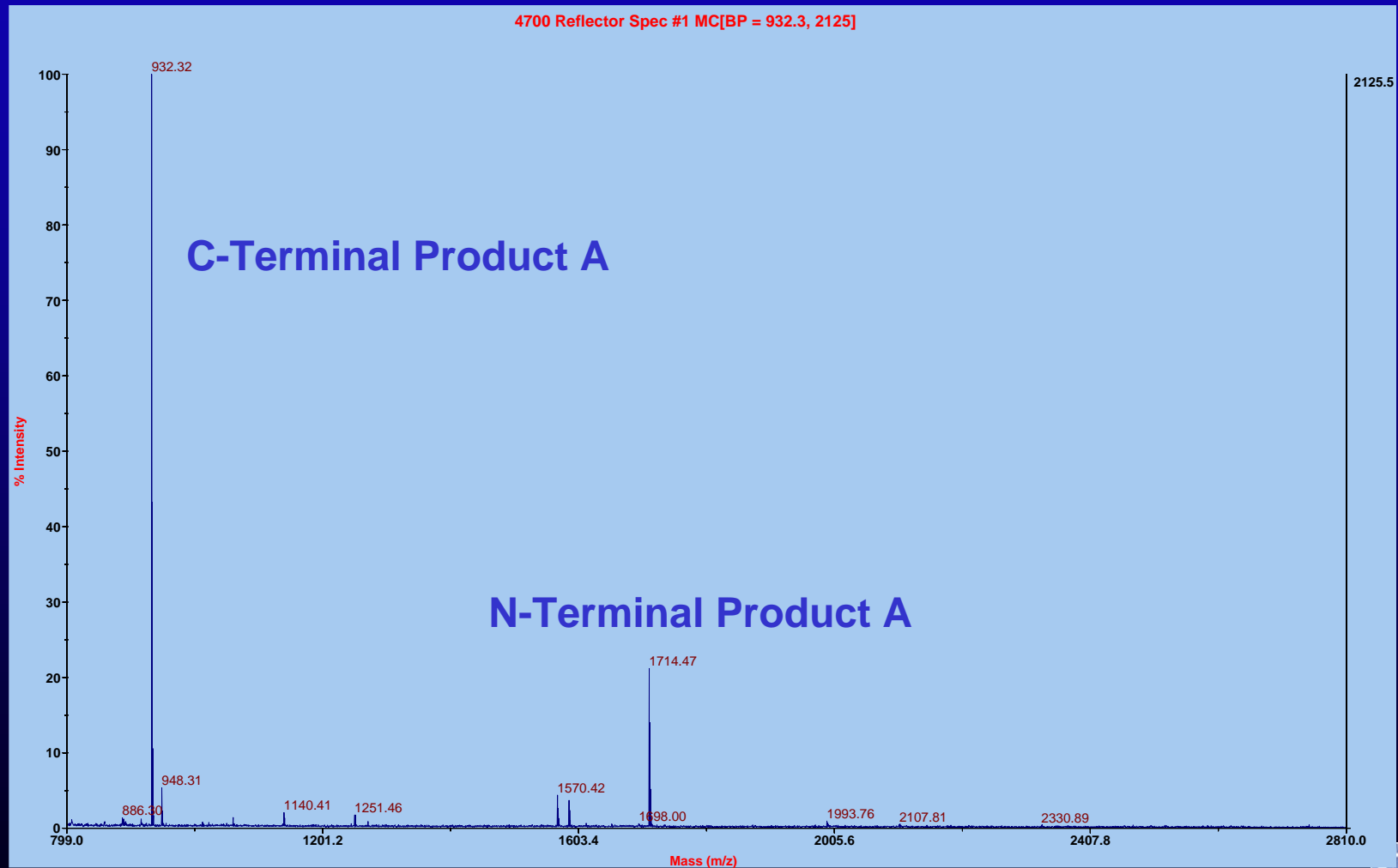
Botulinum B Light Chain Cleavage



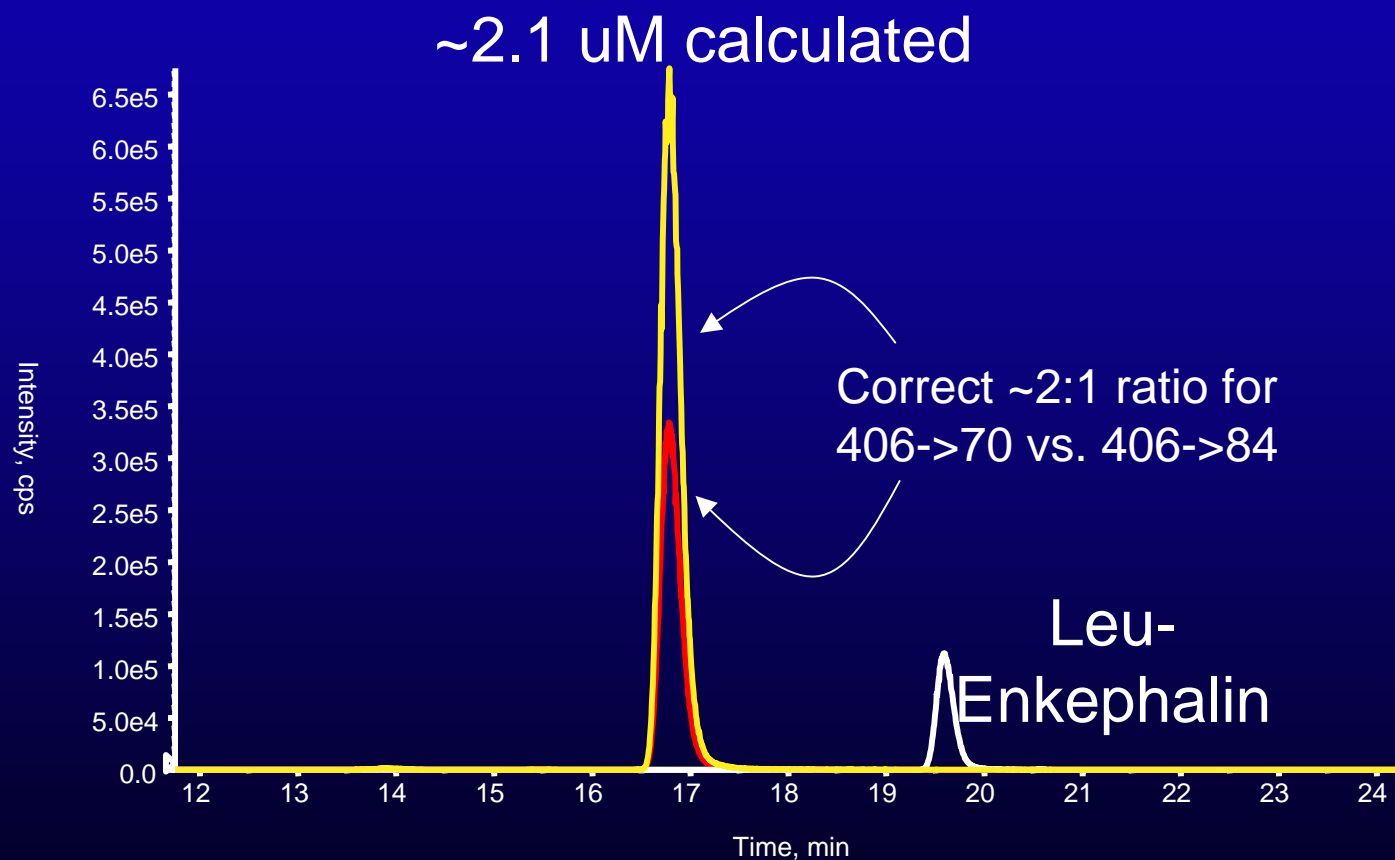
Two Hour Peptide Cleavage by BoNT-F Complex



Milk Spiked with BoNT Light Chain (0.45 ng) 2h reaction - Typical Spectrum

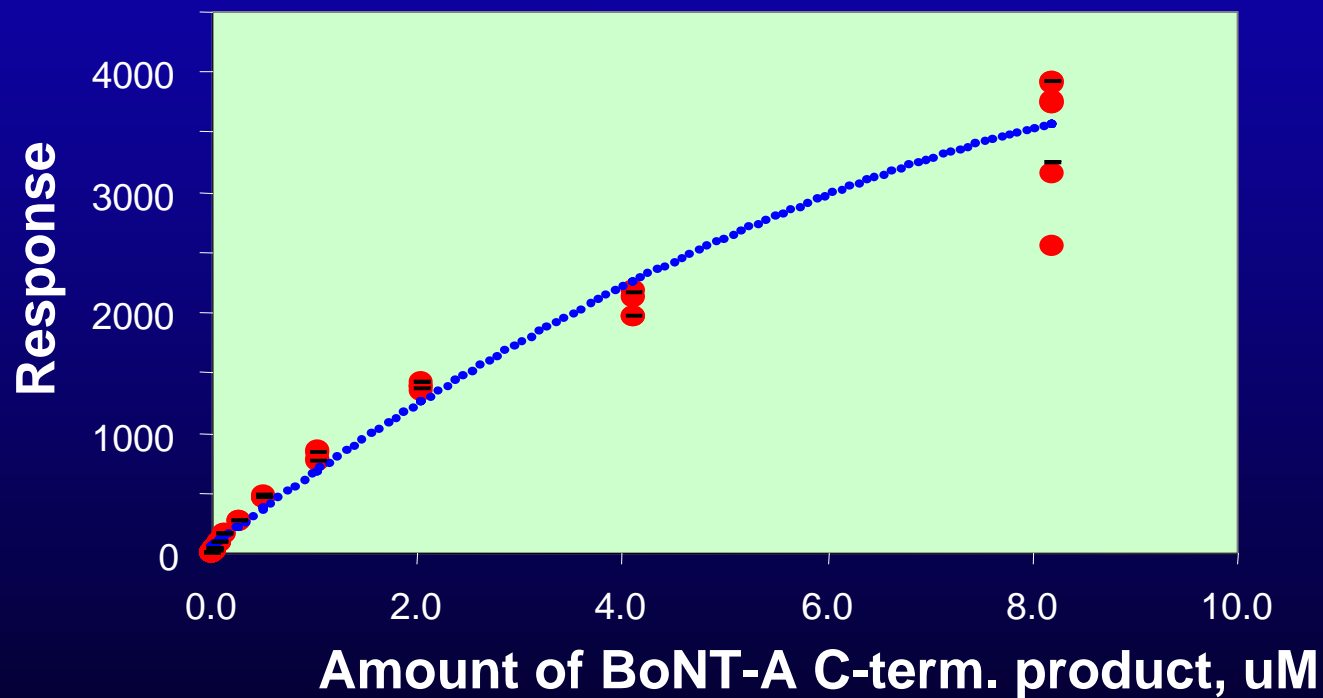


~2 uM BoNT C-term. Product in a Digest



243 ng/ml of BoNT-A light chain

Typical Standard Curve, 0.001-8.2 μM (25 μl inj's)



Botulinum Mass Spectrometric Assay

- As sensitive or better than the mouse assay
- 4-hour turnaround
- Can distinguish all A-G serotypes
- Applicable to food, stool and clinical samples

